

THE TRADERS BANK OF CANADA. Stuart Strathy, Manager.—Conclusive evidence of the stability and importance of any city as a commercial center is the condition of its banking houses. Among those of first consideration in Hamilton is the Traders Bank of Canada, which was established here in 1885 and has an authorized capital of \$5,000,000.00, and total assets over \$80,000,000.00. The head office of this mighty financial institution is at Toronto, and there are branches in all of the leading cities of Ontario and west to the Pacific coast. The success which has attended it is not altogether attributable to the prevailing business conditions, but is due partly to the wise management of its officers and the liberal yet conservative policy which has been adopted. Its Board of Directors include C. D. Warren, Esq., President;



The Traders Bank of Canada.

Hon. J. R. Stratton, Vice-Pres.; C. Kleopfer, Esq., C. E. Wilcox, Esq., W. J. Shopper, Esq., F. F. B. Johnston, Esq., with H. S. Strathy, General Manager; J. A. M. Alley, Inspector, and R. P. Shorris, Assistant Inspector. Mr. Stuart Strathy is Manager of the Hamilton bank. These gentlemen are known as fair minded, generous and public spirited citizens, and truly worthy of public trust.

GERMANIA HOTEL. Bar Connection, Wm. H. Kempf, Proprietor, corner John and Main Streets.—Hotels are a very important feature of a city, and the Germania furnishes first-class service either on the American or European plan. Mr. Kempf, who has been proprietor for the past twelve years, gives it his personal supervision and attention, and the excel-

lent service and the accommodations make it difficult to get a room here on short notice. There are eighteen guest rooms and a commodious dining room. A first class bar, with bartenders who are expert mixers, is in popular favor and a drawing card. The guests in this hotel are well cared for, the tables are excellent, and nothing is left undone for the comfort of patrons.

THE FORCE FOOD CO. John D. Laidlaw, Manager.—There is perhaps no one product as well advertised and used all over the civilized world as "Force." The person who has not laughed at "Sunny Jim" and tasted of the food that made him famous has missed the best of American treats. This product is made at Buffalo, Chicago, Grand Rapids, and Hamilton, Canada, with distributing offices in every principal city in the union and abroad. The Hamilton plant employs one hundred people, other factories as many or more. They have introduced a new breakfast food which has all the excellence of composition and food value that has made "Force" the world's breakfast food. This is "Ousto." When "Ousto" gets acquainted with the public it will be as popular as "Sunny Jim," and one of the forces that makes the world move. Mr. Laidlaw is a successful manager of large affairs and has forwarded the interests of the company wisely and well.

HILDA CIGAR FACTORY. D. Sweet, Manager.—Mr. I. Blumenthal, who is the general proprietor of the Hilda Cigar Factory, is a practical cigar maker of lifetime experience. In his factory he employs 50 to 100 expert cigar makers, and his record is 3,000,000 cigars annually. In the eighteen years that his factory has been in operation their goods have won a high reputation for quality and absolute uniformity, selling strictly on their merits. Havana tobacco is exclusively used in their manufacture, and Mr. Blumenthal has direct connection with the Cuban tobacco market. His "Barriater" 10 cent cigar is perhaps best known. "Julius Arthur" and "Hilda," 5 cent cigars, and "Rose," 10c. to 25c., are close seconds. These are made in fifteen different sizes and are the leading cigar of Ontario, British Columbia and Northwest Territory. Mr. D. Sweet is the efficient manager of the factory and he, with Mr. Blumenthal, are business men who stop short of nothing but success and the best their business is capable of.

HOWARD EROS. Tailor, 32 Rebecca Street.—A record of fifty-two years is Howard Eros' claim to public favor, because their dealings have been all that correct business means and has given no cause for complaint. They make a specialty of dyeing and cleaning gentlemen's suits and overcoats, and their work is done in such a superior style that it pleases the most fastidious person and brings them an immense trade. Their tailoring department represents the newest ideas and fashions of the season, their workmanship is faultless and their suits are distinctly stylish. They enjoy a choice trade and are rated among the substantial merchants of the town.

ROBERT S. FRASER. Tailor, 41 James Street North.—Mr. Fraser has been a tailor on this street for twenty-five years, and is one of the artists in his profession. For fifteen years he was a cutter for Adam Zimmerman, and is a man who has mastered his profession and has the energy to put it into effect. He makes suits for the best dressers of the town, and is in touch with the fashions of the seasons long, before they reach Hamilton through the retail store. He imports woolsens in attractive assortments, has a large stock, and the long trade of the town.

H. J. GILBERT. Shoes, 22 Macdon St. North and 27 King Street East.—Among the retail houses of Hamilton the Gilbert Shoe Stores play an important part. For eighteen years this has been an established shoe house, has stood the test of time, and is more popular to-day than when they first opened for business. They carry the popular brands of high class footwear in medium and standard goods, are expert in fitting the feet, know good shoe leather when they see it, and are the first to introduce novelties and new ideas which combine shoe correctness and foot comfort. They carry the Douglas, Keith, McPherson, Invictus and Gilberta shoes, all of which are acknowledged as superior by people who give shoes a thorough test in wearing. Mr. Gilbert has never deviated from straightforward principles, and is one of the standard bearers for right commercial relations in this community.



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NEW COURT HOUSE HOTEL. Neli & Hope, Proprietors, 61-65 John Street South.—Among the hostleries of our city there is none superior to the above named house, because it is surrounded by all that is necessary for comfort or convenience. During the past two years the house has been entirely remodelled and is fitted up in the most approved style. Its location is most fortunate, being directly opposite the Court House, one block from the T. H. & B. Station, and convenient to business or street car. Messrs. M. Neli and E. Hope, the proprietors, have given their entire time and energy to the up-building of this house, have spared neither time or money to make it the best, and have won the appreciation of every guest. Men who enjoy a good drink and have tried the concoctions at this bar know where to go when they want to treat their friends and give themselves a royal treat.